

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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A HIGHLY COST-EFFECTIVE ANALYTICAL DEVICE FOR

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SENSITIVITY

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed July 19, 2004 concerning the above-referenced patent application.

By the attached petition for an extension of time and check for the requisite fee, applicants have extended the time for responding until January 19, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.

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